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Teen reading finale ends with sundaes

By James Paleologopoulos
Correspondent

AGAWAM – After more than a month of reading books, making tie dye shirts, and becoming more involved with their local library, teenagers from grades seven to 12 wrapped up the “Teen Summer Reading Program 2014” (TSRP) on Monday, Aug. 4 at the Agawam Public Library with a grand, library-wide scavenger hunt.

With a make-your-own-sundae bar waiting for them at the contest’s end, the teens went searching throughout the Dewey Decimal System for clues found in books scattered across the building.

It was the finale of a month of weekly activities including teen yoga, snack nights, and even a “Not-So-Celebrity Agawam Game Night” that featured a game show-like night of challenges and prizes, all encompassing the library in some way, all ending with teens frantically seeking out titles across the building.

“It’s essentially a big scavenger hunt through the library,” TSRP counselor Nate Riley. “Each group starts at a book in each section and from there, they’ll find a clue leading to the next book that they can find. The first to find their last clue and return wins.”

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Agawam News photos by James Paleologopoulos

(FROM LEFT TO RIGHT): Patrick and Daphne Gauthier, Kyle Sheehan, and Felicity Rovatti of the Red Team make use of the library’s search engine to find their next clue.

Water main project nearing completion

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications
Correspondent

AGAWAM – A major inconvenience for some motorists between Agawam and Westfield could end sooner than expected.

Department of Public Works Deputy Superintendent John Decker said this week the water main project on North Westfield Street between the North Street intersection and the Agawam-Westfield line is nearly completed, with crews working on individual service hookups to area homes.

Decker says the contractor, Baltazar Construction of Ludlow, deserves a lot of credit for working with town officials, Tighe & Bond, the engineers on the project, and residents to keep the project moving forward. The weather has also been cooperative, with very little rain throughout the last few months. Thunderstorms that have occurred during the summer months have often been after working hours, Decker said.

Since the project began in April, the three-mile stretch of road was mostly closed off to thru-traffic.

Closing the road helped make the project move faster.

“It can be very difficult even when you have just one lane of traffic coming through to keep the project moving at a fast pace,” said Decker. “This was a very extensive project.”

The project was conceived more than five years ago. The new pipe will ensure proper water flow and pressure for residents in the area.

“The crews will be installing a 24-inch pipe to replace pipe that is aging and needs to be updated,” said Decker, who oversees the water and sewer divisions in town. “A lot of the pipes there are smaller and older.”

There have not been any major water pressure issues, but Decker says the installation of the new pipe will ensure good drinking water service continues for residents in Feeding Hills.

The total cost of the project is about \$6 million and the cost was bonded by the town.

The project was originally scheduled to be completed by November, but Decker says the hookups to homes should be completed by the end of August barring any setbacks.

The crew is currently working on the last several hookups to the

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Next step in Sullivan memorial ‘facelift’ approved

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam City Council this week approved spending Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds on three projects, two that will benefit memorial grounds in the community.

The council approved \$3,800 for the equipment and installation of an irrigation system at the Anne Sullivan Memorial Sculpture in Feeding Hills. The memorial is located next to Granger School and features the “Water” sculpture of

Anne Sullivan and Helen Keller.

The sculpture and green was established in 1992. Marilyn Curry, the former chair of the Anne Sullivan Memorial Committee, told the city council the efforts of many town organizations as well as the Agawam Beautification Committee are helping to give the memorial a facelift.

“The site has become overgrown,” said Curry. “As of now, the shrubs and lights have been removed. New energy-efficient lights have been purchased with some of the remaining funds kept in escrow.”

There will be new plantings installed eventually, and new park benches will also be replaced, much like the new ones installed at Veterans Green in front of Phelps Elementary School.

The Department of Public Works, the Agawam Beautification Committee, the Historical Commission and local boy scouts have all been contributing to the restoration of the memorial.

Curry also told the council the escrow funds will soon be used to install a new plaque in front of the sculpture.

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Officials: Spencer Street fire intentional

By James Paleologopoulos
Turley Publications
Correspondent

AGAWAM – After investigators were able to enter and examine the site of a house fire at 41 Spencer St. on July 30, the Agawam Fire Department and Massachusetts Department of Fire Services Fire Investigators have released a statement identifying the fire as “suspicious,” determining the fire was set by “one or more individuals.”

After receiving a call from a

newspaper carrier at 5:30 a.m. that day describing visible flames coming from inside the house, Agawam firefighters quickly extinguished what Chief Alan Sirois considered a “reasonably sized” flame. Firefighters remained at the house for another hour to clear the scene of debris and smoke, allowing for investigators to make their way in.

“There are a number of clues that we utilize to determine whether or not a fire was caused by arson,” Sirois said. “We look for electrical failures, careless dis-

posal of smoking materials – common factors that are involved in the ignition of a fire.”

Due to the pending investigation, Sirois stated he “could not exactly go into what was found” to signify arson but made it clear that there were indicators of arson that are quite clear.

No injuries were reported, and with the homeowner away at the time, concern shifted to the five cats that allegedly lived on the premises; Sirois stated it’s likely all animals were able to escape.

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Each week *Agawam Advertiser News* will feature a photo of a local building, item, sign, place or landmark and ask readers to pick their brains to figure out where it is or even what it is. Check here each week to test your knowledge of the area where we live and work. The photo will be from either Agawam or Feeding Hills, but we'll always give you a hint or two.

The answer to this week's "Where is it?" will run in next week's edition along with the name of the first person to submit a correct answer and a new trivia photo for you to consider.

E-mail answers or future Where Is It? suggestions to editor Tim Kane at tkane@turley.com.



Turley Publications photo by Kelly Bronson

These massive doors front a historic structure in Agawam. Can you tell us where it's located?

Agawam Historical Archive

"A Calendar of Fact and Opinion" was a column of the Agawam Independent in the first week of August 1964. This issue of the paper featured a story told by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover about an act of kindness that the FBI did for a woman. This woman was a mother who was trying to find her son who had been missing for two years. She explained in a letter that was written to the FBI that her son had been in the Armed Forces where he received a head injury and underwent brain surgery. Unfortunately, he never recovered from the surgery, and the woman was anxious to find him. The FBI looked into the Files of Identification and found a fingerprint match of an individual who was in a neighboring state. The mother was then sent a letter from the FBI, which helped her track down her son. Hoover received a personal letter from the mother thanking him for helping her find her son saying that she was now able to take care of him. This story shows how little acts of kindness from law enforcement can help the lives of the public. The idea of the opinion piece was to show the "merciful phases of law enforcement," which is sometimes not shown in the world of law and order. A similar story in today's news would be in May of this year in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. An off-duty police officer was approached by a homeless man named Brian Espeut, who reported having his shoes stolen while he was sleeping. The officer, Rolando Rivera, promised to help and proceeded to buy Espeut new boots and multiple pairs of socks. This story, much like the first, shows the small favors that the police and law enforcement do for the public to help better someone's day and improve their life.

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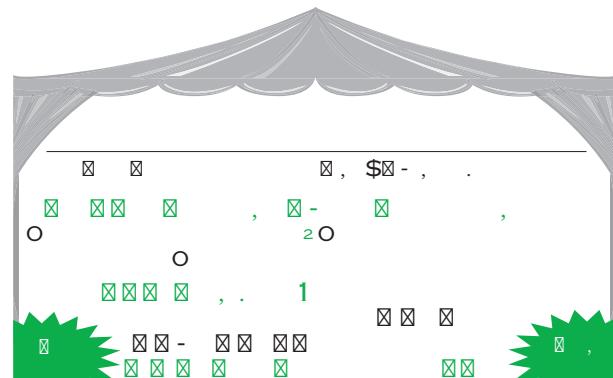


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PEOPLE POLL

Agawam Advertiser News intern Kelly Bronson asked local residents: "What's your favorite regional sports team?"



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Amy Grindle



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Brett Anderson



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Nathan Nazarenko



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From the left, John Henry Langley, Tom Sitaro, Gene Tortorici, Darlene LeClerc, guest tambourine players Diane Circosta-Aspinall and Bailey Gervais, Doug Jones and Troy Slocum all stepped up for a night of classic hits.

Steppin' Out steps up the jams

By James Paleologopoulos
Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM – SummerFest 2014 was able to shine in the sun once more last week as the weather held up and allowed for the six-piece cover band Steppin' Out to take the stage and play their list of pop, Motown, and party hits throughout the night in front of Benjamin Phelps Elementary School on Wednesday, July 30.

The fifth show of the annual summer concert series made possible by the Agawam Parks and Recreation Department, the Agawam Cultural Council and their sponsors, Steppin' Out blasted "Soul Man" to "Boogie Wonderland" throughout the night, echoing loud off of the RAC Builders, Inc., building and into the cool Agawam sky.

"I thought it was great, we had so much fun, so much enthusiasm," said Steppin' Out vocalist Darlene Leclerc. "The kids were great, and we had a blast."

Singing throughout the night, Leclerc was accompanied by saxophonist Doug Jones, bassist Tony Sitaro, drummer Gene Tortorici, keyboardist Troy Slocum and guitarist John Henry Langley. Usually playing at corporate functions as well as lounges and restaurants including Agawam's own Captain Jimmy's and The Still, the SummerFest stage suited the band that plays throughout the Northeast just fine.

An Agawam native, Leclerc attended Phelps herself back in the day, which made for a musical homecoming much like Built for Comfort's return to Agawam High School the week before, where the band first formed in the 70's.

"I loved it; it was so nice to see people," Leclerc said. "I went to Phelps myself, so when we came here to play tonight, I had people coming up, and it was like a reunion."

Slocum, Leclerc's husband, is also an Agawam native.

The stage was filled by even more locals as Steppin' Out continued to ask volunteers dancing to the music to come up and play as well, inviting them to play tambourines to songs with prominent beats such as Peter Gabriel's "Sledgehammer," which drummer Gene Tortorici sang while slipping in

Gabriel's "Steam" as well, the preceding hit's spiritual successor.

But for the most part, as the sun set and the stage's lights went on, Steppin' went full Earth, Wind, & Fire with "Let's Groove" and other singles the band specialized in.

"I love R&B and Earth, Wind & Fire and taking the audience back to the old stuff," Leclerc said. "And Motown because we love that kind of stuff since it doesn't matter how old you are."

KIX 100.9 Country Night is up next on Aug. 13, featuring John King and Leah Turner playing the finale of the season's concert series.

Sponsors of the free 2014 concert series include: Agawam Advertiser/Turley Publications, Agawam Cultural Council, Agawam Lions Club, Agawam Parks & Recreation, Agawam Rotary Club, Allied Flooring & Paint, Berkshire Power, Bolduc's Apparel, Canary Blomstrom Insurance Agency, Easthampton Savings Bank, FC Stars of Massachusetts, Hampden Bank, Holyoke Credit Union, King Ward Coach Lines, Lucia Lumber, Main Street Deli, Moren Signs, Olympic Manufacturing Group, Quality Auto, Reminder Publications, Republic Services, Sarat Ford, Ski Blanford, Westfield Bank and WMAS 94.7.

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Opinion

City Council shows compromise

On Monday night, the Agawam City Council showed solidarity when it agreed to modify the approach to investigating the lack of profits at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course.

Councilors Christopher Johnson, Dennis Perry, and Gina Letellier expressed their displeasure over a lack of information about the finances of the golf course, a business that is supposed to be a self-supporting enterprise of the town.

The trio of councilors then sponsored a resolution seeking an investigation of the golf courses finances through their Home Rule Charter to find out why the course was not performing and why the town was being forced to subsidize its budget out of the general fund for the past few years.

After careful consideration, the council united and decided get rid of the negative connotation of an "investigation" and instead moved forward with the idea of having a workshop and getting all the stakeholders in the situation involved in a "roundtable" discussion that will help clear the air.

Hopefully, the workshop will prove to be the peaceful forum that is needed to help councilors identify why the course has had difficulty making a profit during the past few years.

During the public comment portion of Monday's meeting, councilors heard from golf course officials and Golf Commission members about how profits at golf courses are down throughout the country. Several people, including some councilors, complimented the golf course, its improvements, and current operations.

While the idea of a council investigation may seem uncomfortable, Councilor Perry is right about one thing. The city council is the legislative body of the town. They do have a fiscal responsibility to every taxpayer in town and by questioning the operating practices of the golf course, they are fulfilling that obligation.

Maybe the home rule charter was not the right way to go about getting answers about the golf course, but the council will be able to find that out when they have their workshop with golf course management.

If successful, the workshop format could be a great way for the city council to speak to city departments and learn more answers to their questions.

Another great part about these workshops is they are open to the public. They are posted city council meetings and people have the ability to come and listen and get answers themselves.

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Letters to the Editor

Berwick a strong candidate for governor

To the editor:

Don Berwick is a strong, bold, progressive Democratic leader running for governor of Massachusetts.

Don is a pediatrician who founded the non-profit Institute for Healthcare Improvement and has had 30 years of experience in making health care better and at lower cost. In 2005, he was knighted by the Queen of England for his work making British health care more efficient. He successfully ran Medicare and Medicaid in Washington for 17 months.

Don is the only candidate for governor who opposes casinos, knowing the effects in 30 other states of destroying small businesses and hurting income for working people, while causing social problems with drinking and gambling addiction that hurt all families and the community.

He has specific plans for growing the economy and creating jobs. Associated Industries of Massachusetts (AIM) titled their blog posting of Don's interview for them, "Berwick: Progressive Agenda Good for Business."

Don will be in Springfield this Saturday, Aug. 9, from 5-7 p.m., at Samuels Sports Bar, Newbury Room, for a "meet and greet."

Don's website is www.berwickforgovernor.com for more information about Don and his policies and plans for our Commonwealth.

Please consider a vote for Don Berwick in the Democratic Primary Sept. 9.

Corinne M. Wingard
Agawam

Fundraiser for Heather Gingras a success

To the editor:

Thank you to all of Heather Gingras' family and friends for a successful fundraiser.

Thanks go out to everyone who donated a raffle prize and baked for our bake sale and dessert table. Many thanks to everyone who set up and broke down after the fundraiser. Also, thank you to those who loaded and unloaded their cars.

Thanks to those of you who worked on your computers, Facebook and email to get the word out to everyone. A special thanks to the Agawam Lions Club for all their work cooking and serving our pasta dinner. Great job! Also, special thanks to all our local businesses who so generously donated to the fundraiser.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the "Breathing Isn't Overrated" purple T-shirt team for all the hard work, love and support they so willingly gave to Heather and her family.

JoAnn Juthe
Agawam

Roasted Tomatoes

Since native tomatoes are plentiful this time of year, this recipe should prove useful. I always hate to pass up a pint of grape tomatoes when they are on sale. But there have been times when I used only a few from the pint and found the remaining tomatoes becoming a bit wrinkled in the back of my fridge. No one hates wasting food more than I do, so I roast them as directed below. Roasting them brings out a lovely sweetness and gives them a nice rich flavor. Any type of tomato will work with this recipe but I find the ones that work best are plum, cherry, and of course grape tomatoes. If you choose to use a larger tomato, it is best to drain them before roasting to eliminate some of the water, which will cause them to be too soggy when cooked.



TABLE FOR TWO
ANN MACEY

One way to serve roasted tomatoes is to add them to plain hummus after allowing them to chill. Or give them a whirl in the food processor and toss them with your favorite cooked pasta. Adding them to any jar of store-bought pasta sauce will give the sauce a fresh 'homemade' taste. My favorite way to serve them is to allow them to cool then add some finely chopped onion, bell peppers, fresh parsley and basil. Stir in some grated Parmesan cheese with Italian dressing and a splash of Balsamic vinegar. Toss and serve with tortilla chips or on top of sliced, toasted French bread. Or for a zestier alternative, omit the Parmesan cheese and add Feta cheese with some chopped Kalamata olives.

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John Green takes audience on 'Nature Odyssey'

By James Paleologopoulos
Correspondent

AGAWAM - From the Bay of Fundy to the Florida Everglades to right back here in the Connecticut River Valley, Western Mass naturalist and photographer John Green led locals and some of his own students on a "Nature Odyssey" slideshow on Thursday, July 31.

A part of the state-wide "Literary Elements" Adult Summer Reading Program sponsored by the Agawam Center Library Association, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, and the Boston Bruins among other organizations, the Philadelphia-born photographer had dual Kodak EKTAGRAPHIC III slide projectors fired up and at his command Thursday night.

With them, he walked attendees through a collection of special photographs he compiled just for that showing, spanning across his 40-year career as well as North America as he showed and identified the puffins of Nova Scotia and the one-of-a-kind patterns that line the Hoo-Doo rock formations of Bryce Canyon, Utah.

A naturalist who's had his photos featured in various magazines and research papers over the years, Green walked locals through the basics of photography, whether it was the importance of composition, his technique of only snapping photos in natural sunlight, or role color can play in a photo.

He joked that with some of his students from the adult photography class he teaches at the Hill Institute in Florence, the information may not be new to everyone.

"This better be good," he joked as he started up his slideshow. "Some of my students are here."

Focusing over 50 percent of his slideshow on the forests, mountains, and organisms found here in Western Massachusetts, Green showed viewers the beauty to be found in their own backyards or at the very least, up



Agawam News photo by James Paleologopoulos

(FROM LEFT TO RIGHT): Photography teacher John Green with his students, Karen Gardner, himself, Lissa Lampron, and Kathleen Washut.

in Belchertown and its surrounding communities where the photographer lives nowadays.

Among the Western Mass photos were photos of Mount Tom, dew found along the threads of a spider web, and a rare, close-proximity photo of a Pileated Woodpecker and its kin he was able to snap while hiking in Amherst.

A lover of nature through-and-through, Green ended his hour and a half long slideshow with a few quotes from famous naturalist and philosopher, Ralph Waldo Emerson, explaining how he wanted it to resonate with the audience.

"Man is surprised to find that things near are not less beautiful and wondrous than things remote. The near explains the far. The drop is a small ocean. A man is related to all nature."

Housing committee members sought

The Agawam City Council adopted an ordinance Monday, May 5 establishing the Agawam Housing Committee. The purpose of the committee is to consider Agawam's housing needs.

The committee will consist of five members, two of whom are appointed by the mayor. Letters of interest from residents interested in serving on this committee may be sent to Office of the Mayor, 36 Main St., Agawam, MA 01001 or emailed to mayor@agawam.ma.us.

'Eat at E.B's' and help local mother

A fundraiser to benefit Heather Gingras, an Agawam resident and young mother that has interstitial pulmonary fibrosis for which she needs a double lung transplant, will be held Monday, Aug. 11, at E.B.'s Restaurant, 385 Walnut St. Ext., Agawam.

Ten percent of the day's total food sales, dine-in, takeout or delivery, from open to close, will be donated to "HelpHOPELive" to assist Gingras with her uninsured transplant-related expenses, as well as travel and miscellaneous expenses during treatment. Alcohol sales are excluded. Individual donations will also be accepted.

The public is invited to eat at E.B.'s Monday, Aug. 11, and help Gingras in her struggle.

Upcoming events at the Springfield Turnverein

The Springfield Turnverein, located at 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, has announced the following schedule of upcoming events:

Sept. 13: '50's '60s Sock Hop; Oct. 24: Halloween Party; Nov.: (date to be announced) Fundraiser to benefit Wounded Warriors Project; Dec. 13: Adult Christmas Party; Dec. 31: New Year's Eve Party.

For more information on the Springfield Turnverein or any of the above listed events, visit www.springfieldturnverein.org or Facebook, or call 786-0924.

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Roasted Tomatoes

1 pt. (10 oz.) grape tomatoes
1 T. cooking oil
2 T. chopped onion
1/2 tsp. minced garlic
1-2 T. fresh, chopped basil

and roast for another 5-10 minutes according to your desired tenderness. NOTE: If serving chilled, the tomatoes will hold a firmer texture if you cook them for only 10 minutes.

Ann Macey is the author of 'ANN'S TABLE FOR TWO: Quick & Easy Two Serving Recipes.' Ann welcomes your questions and comments. You may contact her at: AnnTable@gmail.com.

Cut tomatoes in half (or finely chop). In a medium bowl, toss all ingredients. Line a rimmed cookie sheet with foil and spray with non-stick cooking spray. Spread tomatoes in a single layer. Allow to roast in a 425° oven for 10 minutes. Toss

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Teen reading finale ends with sundaes

SUNDAES, from page 1

Helping with his sister Shaylene, Nate had three years of experience putting together the scavenger hunt under his belt while also helping with the rest of TSRP all summer, a participant himself at one point.

"I like to help out," he said. "I did this when I was a lot younger so I really care for it."

"Part of TSRP is to encourage more teens to participate and give them all a positive library and reading experience, really," said APL Youth Services Head Cynthia Sutter who had helped facilitate the program.

Having facilitated similar programs in the past, Sutter felt TSRP was special for its involvement of the teenagers who, through the Teen Advisory Council that meets twice a month, helped vote and design the events and games throughout July and August.

"I facilitate the meetings but they're 100 percent voting and thinking of new ideas like Teen's Games Night," Sutter said. "That was a teen-generated idea and that's why I feel we have such a successful program; because the teens are so involved, organizing and implementing the program."

They're invested in it and they feel like they own it."

The prizes chosen for the events and raffle drawing were also of the teenager's choosing, opting for prizes such as gift cards to \$10 Barnes & Noble and XL bags of M&M chocolates.

"The majority of the time, they choose the chocolates," Sutter said.

Other prizes included \$100 bank gift cards and two second place \$50 cards for the TSRP's raffle, which teens could enter through entering various contests, completing a "book bingo" sheet, and simply reading and recording age-appropriate books and graphic novels from the library.

The first team back ended up being the "Red Team" made up of Felicity and Veronica Rovatti, Kyle and Kraeg Sheehan, Katherine Paltz, Daphne and Patrick Gauthier.

"We used our resources, team work, skills, and knowing where stuff is in the library and using our library skills." The team collectively shouted as the other four groups

"My team has won for the last five years in a row so that helped, too," Kraeg Sheehan added.



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Besides prizes, a make-your-own-sundae bar and cookies awaited the Teen Summer Reading participants after their hunt for clues.

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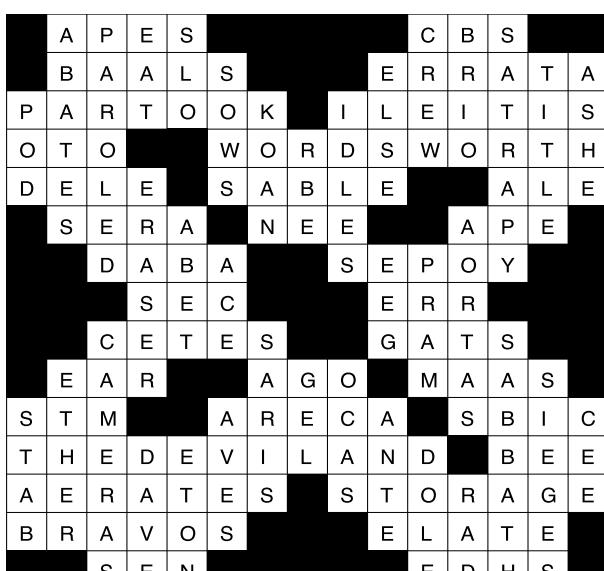


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Water main project nearing completion

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individual homes," said Decker. "This new pipework is going to benefit about 100 homes."

The affected area includes residents along North Westfield Street along with several side streets in the vicinity. There were some complaints from residents who were inconvenienced, but overall, cooperation was good.

"There was a lot of understanding among the people who were affected," said Decker. "We did receive a handful of calls from people who did not like having to drive a few miles out of the way to get to their homes."

Residents in the area will benefit from consistent service, and Decker says there will be no noticeable change in water pressure or flow. The fire department, in the event of an emergency, will benefit from increased water flow at hydrants because a wider pipe was installed.

"If there is a fire, the fire department will get more water faster out of hydrants," said Decker. "The average home will not see a huge difference."

Road paving to complete the project may have to wait until next spring to allow trenches and other areas to settle, Decker said. Paving the area too soon after the project completion and too close to winter could cause the road or trenches to deteriorate.

The road is open to thru-traffic on a partial basis, but could be fully restored on a daily basis by the end of the month.

Next step in Sullivan memorial 'facelift' approved

FACELIFT, from page 1

"It has come to my attention several times over the last few years that today's residents do not know the meaning of the title of our sculpture," said Curry. She said a small plaque will be installed, explaining what "Water" meant. The sculpture shows Anne Sullivan teaching Helen Keller what water is. Keller makes the letter "w" with three fingers.

The Finance Sub-Committee fully supported the CPA funding, and it was approved unanimously 8-0 by the council. The DPW will be assisting in the project installation to provide the water source for the irrigation system.

The council would follow that by approving a \$4,600 proposal for the irrigation system at the Veterans Green. Council Vice President Dennis Perry recommended a timer or other control device to ensure water is not being wasted at either site.

The council voted 6-2 in favor of the third CPA funding resolution seeking to plant arborvitae at Agawam Town Hall. The cost of planting 70 trees was quoted at \$9,550. The Finance Sub-Committee recommended the resolution 3-1, with Councilor Cecilia Calabrese dissenting. Calabrese told the full council that after doing the math, she determined the cost was \$136 per tree.

"It seemed like it was too much for trees," said Calabrese.

Councilor Donald Rheault said the extra expense for each tree was for planting of the tree as well as the fact the life of the trees was guaranteed.

The council passed the arborvitae funding with Calabrese and Johnson dissenting. The trees will be planted on the southern border of the town hall property. The project was also conceived by the Beautification Committee.

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Public Safety POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 340 calls for service from July 29 to Aug. 4. The department made 11 arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Tuesday, July 29

Marcel J. Gosselin, 42, of 139 Springdale Road, Westfield, was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of liquor and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

Wednesday, July 30

Luca Gambardella, 45, of 291 Old Oxford Road, North Smithfield, R.I., was arrested on a charge of possession of a Class B drug.

Christopher Scott Wynn, 33, of 3505 Brest Ave., Norfolk, Va., was arrested on a charge of possession of a Class B drug.

Kimberly A. Benevides, 45, of 50 Lake Road, Columbia, Conn., was arrested on a charge of trespassing.

Thursday, July 31

Shaune Doyle, 47, of 23 Suffield St., Agawam, was arrested on a charge of domestic assault and battery.

Saturday, Aug. 2

Jeffery Simpson, 24, of 24 Pleasant Valley Road, Agawam, was arrested on a charge of possession of a Class B drug.

Sunday, Aug. 3

Myra G. Duarte, 45, of 14 Newton Park Road, Framingham, was arrested on a charge of possession of a Class B drug.

Patrick John Shaughnessy, Jr., 36, of 74 Russell St., Apt. 1, West Springfield, was arrested on a default warrant – failure to appear.

A juvenile from West Springfield was arrested on a charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Monday, Aug. 4

Erika Dasso, 48, of 72 Paul Revere Drive, Agawam, was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of liquor and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

Dwayne Kelly, 53, of 46 Leslie Street, Springfield, was arrested on a default warrant – failure to appear.

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 59 EMS calls and the following emergency response calls for the week from July 29 to Aug. 4.

On July 29 at 8:35 a.m., the department responded to Hastings Street for public service assistance, other.

On July 30 at 5:38 a.m., the department responded to Spencer Street for building fire.

On July 30 at 10:23 a.m., the department responded to Main Street for bomb scare, no bomb.

On July 30 at 12:22 p.m., the department responded to Independence Road for special outside fire, other.

On July 30 at 1:30 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for motor vehicle accident with no injuries.

On July 30 at 4 p.m., the department responded to Nicole Terrace for unauthorized burning.

On July 30 at 7:03 p.m., the department responded to Route 57 Rotary for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On July 31 at 2:19 p.m., the department responded to Senator Avenue, no incident found on arrival at dispatch address.

On July 31 at 8:05 p.m., the department responded to Franklin Street for smoke scare, odor of smoke.

On Aug. 1 at 11:53 a.m., the department responded to Norris Street to assist invalid.

On Aug. 1 at 12:36 p.m., the department responded to Cosgrove Avenue, no incident found on arrival at dispatch address.

On Aug. 1 at 1:35 p.m., the department

FIRE LOG

responded to Southwick Street for smoke scare, odor of smoke.

On Aug. 1 at 3:49 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for lockout.

On Aug. 2 at 10:43 a.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for lockout.

On Aug. 2 at 1:59 p.m., the department responded to North Westfield Street for extrication of victim(s) from building/structure.

On Aug. 2 at 5:43 p.m., the department responded to Rising Street for attempt to burn.

On Aug. 3 at 12:23 a.m., the department responded to James Street for alarm system activation, no fire – unintentional.

On Aug. 3 at 11:28 p.m., the department responded to Main Street, dispatched and cancelled en route.

On Aug. 4 at 6:39 a.m., the department responded to Van Deene Avenue, West Springfield to cover assignment, standby, moveup.

On Aug. 4 at 6:59 a.m., the department responded to Norris Street for good intent call, other.

On Aug. 4 at 9:22 a.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for alarm system activation, no fire – unintentional.

On Aug. 4 at 4:06 p.m., the department responded to Hendum Drive for motor vehicle accident with no injuries.

On Aug. 4 at 8:11 p.m., the department responded to North Westfield Street for unauthorized burning.

On Aug. 4 at 8:36 p.m., the department responded to Meadowbrook Manor to assist invalid.

Agawam Senior Center

Weekly calendar of events

Monday, Aug. 11: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9 a.m., Painting Club; 9:30 a.m., Line Dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., Bingo; 5 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Tuesday, Aug. 12: Summer Exercise program; 9 a.m., Shuffleboard at St. John's; 12:30 p.m., Ladies Billiards, Mah Jongg, Movie; 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 4:30 p.m., Yoga; 6 p.m., Beginner Line Dance; 6:30 p.m., Garden Club Meets.

Wednesday, Aug. 13: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Scrabble; 1:30 p.m., Golden Age Chapter 1 Meeting; 2 p.m., Appointments with CPA Jack Welch Available; 5 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Thursday, Aug. 14: Last Summer Exercise Class; 9:30 a.m., Quilting; 10 a.m.,

Line Dancing; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Free Blood Pressure Check, Pitch; 2 p.m., Melody Band Practice; 6:30 p.m., Pitch.

Friday, Aug. 15: 8 a.m., Yoga; 9:15 a.m., All Media Art; Noon, Canasta; 1 p.m., Pitch, Cribbage, Ice Cream Social (\$1); 5 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Lunch menu

Monday, Aug. 11: Sweet and sour meatballs over rice, sweet corn, peaches.

Tuesday, Aug. 12: Tortellini carbonara, tomato and cucumber salad, diced pears.

Wednesday, Aug. 13: Chicken vegetable soup, Philly cheesesteak grinder, peppers and onions, baked good.

Thursday, Aug. 14: Tomato and basil salad with mozzarella topped with grilled chicken, garlic bread, pudding.

Friday, Aug. 15: Baked fish, scalloped potatoes, spinach, pineapple.

Officials: Spencer Street fire intentional

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Investigation of the determined arson is ongoing with the fire department seeking any information from individuals who may have seen or heard something. Anyone with information regarding the fire should contact the Massachusetts Arson Hot Line at 1-800-682-9229 or the Agawam Fire Department at 413-786-0657.

"Investigators are continuing to follow up leads and interview witnesses and talk to

people who may have some information to offer," Sirois said. "The crime lab is ongoing with their research and investigation on the evidence side but, at this point, if anyone has any help to offer, I would point them in the direction of the arson hotline or us."

In an official press release, the Agawam Fire Department also specified rewards up to \$5,000 for anyone who provides information that results in an arson conviction.

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The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, August 14, 2014 at 6:30 PM** at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing is to present Agawam's 2014 Open Space and Recreation Plan. Information can be obtained from the Agawam Office of Planning & Community Development, 36 Main Street, Agawam.

Per order of:
Henry A. Kozloski,
Chairman
AGAWAM
CONSERVATION
COMMISSION
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LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, August 21, 2014 at 6:45 PM** at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Verizon Wireless for a zone change request on 491 Mill Street to include this parcel in the "Wireless Telecommunications Overlay District." Copies of the proposed zone change can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM in the Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

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LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, August 21, 2014 at 6:45 PM**

A petition has been presented by **Alyssa Suchenicz** requesting that: **Vanessa Michelle Gruska** be allowed to change his/her/their name as follows: **Vanessa Michelle Suchenicz**

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at: Springfield on or before ten o'clock in the morning (10:00 a.m.) on: 08/19/2014

WITNESS, Hon. Anne M Geoffrion, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 17, 2014

Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.

Suzanne T Seguin
Register of Probate
8/7/14

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
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Docket No. HD06P2523CV1
In the matter of: John J
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Of: Agawam, MA
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To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the Sixth & Final account(s) of **Elizabeth McDermott** of Stowe, VT as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.

You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of 08/26/2014. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s).

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The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both.

The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Anne M Geoffrion, First Justice of this Court.

Date: July 28, 2014

Suzanne T Seguin
Register of Probate
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LEGAL AD AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, August 14, 2014 at 6:40 PM** at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Kuzmenko for work to be performed on Westford Circle subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

By Order of **Henry A. Kozloski**, Chairman
Agawam Conservation
Commission

8/7/14

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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**Docket No. HD13P0085PM
Estate of: Salomea Chenier**

CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by: **Richard A. Strempski** of Danbury CT, as Temporary Conservator requesting that an Order of Complete Settlement of the estate issue including to approve an accounting and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 08/20/2014.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Anne M Geoffrion, First Justice of this Court.

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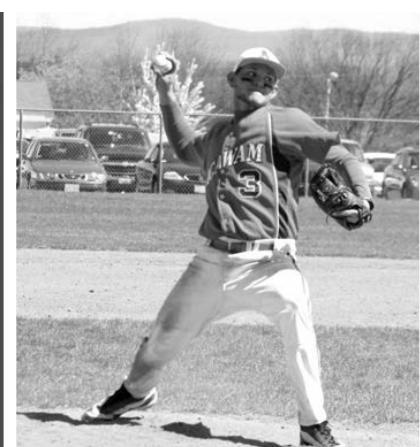
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SummerFest wraps up concert series with 'Kix Country Night'

The 2014 edition of the SummerFest Concert series will close out with "Kix Country Night," Wednesday, Aug. 13 at 7 p.m. and will feature John King and Leah Turner.

It is drive, paired with raw talent and business savvy, that took King out of a little mountain town in Georgia's Habersham County and into the spotlight opening for award-winning artists, playing over 150 dates per year, prior to having a booking agent.

After graduating high school, he decided to arm himself with a music degree and went to study at the University of Georgia. It was his time at UGA that the formation of King's musical footprint would really take shape. His dedication and tenacity paid off in opening slots for nationally recognized, award-winning artists, a feat that is virtually unheard of without a booking agent.

In 2013, Black River Entertainment signed King to their artist roster along with "Dancing with the Stars" champion and acclaimed singer/songwriter Kellie Pickler and country music superstar Craig Morgan. Currently, he is in the studio recording his debut album on Black River Entertainment and continues to tour.

Turner has a ready laugh that conveys all the joy and adventure she finds in life, and a voice with the power and grit to personify its ups and downs. The combination makes her one of country's most compelling new artists, someone with the talent and personality to own any stage—or studio she walks onto. It earned her a spot on Brad Paisley's 2014 tour and made her debut single, her co-penned track with Cary Barlowe and Jesse Frasure, "Take the Keys," a Top 40 hit at country radio.

Turner's distinctive voice and fiery personality make her unlike anyone on the current scene, and both are outgrowths of a life journey that could have led nowhere but Nashville. Her love of music stayed strong through lessons that balanced life on the ranch and led to a college songwriting class, where her talent won her the attention of Kenny Loggins, who encouraged her to move to Los Angeles. Along the way, she has captivated the industry's best in L.A. and Nashville, and with the rollout of her first chart single, she has begun the inevitable process of captivating country fans everywhere.



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John King



Leah Turner

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Agawam Dog Owners Group news, upcoming events

The Agawam Dog Owners Group's (ADOG) fourth annual Dog Calendar Photo Contest is underway. Winning photos will be one of 12 dogs featured in the calendar, and one dog will earn the favored spot on the calendar cover as "Best in Show." A new design for the "Best of the Rest" featured dog photos will be located within the empty dates of the calendar.

ADOG has launched an electronic entry submission on its website at www.agawamdogpark.com. The fee is \$10 per photo entry. Entries may also be mailed to ADOG Photo Contest, 213 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, MA, 01001, or dropped off at the Sept. 17 ADOG meeting to be held at the Agawam Public Library. Calendars are expected to be printed and ready for purchase by late October.

For more information, visit www.agawamdogpark.com or call Debbi at 374-4684.

ADOG is also planning its second annual ADOG Field Day Saturday, Sept. 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Shea Field in Agawam. The day's events will include food, vendors, wiener races, dog photos, raffles and more. Vendor fee is \$25. Any vendors interested in signing up may contact Cheryl at 374-8336 or email cheryldog@gmail.com.

All proceeds from ADOG events are to benefit the construction and maintenance of the Agawam Dog Park.

Lioness to host Mohegan Sun trip

The Agawam Lioness Club will host a trip to Mohegan Sun on Sunday, Sept. 7. Anyone interested in going is asked to be at the Agawam High School parking lot at noon. The bus will depart at 12:30 p.m. or sooner if everyone is present. The bus will arrive back at AHS at 8:15 p.m.

The cost is \$30 per person, which

includes bus driver's tip, a \$15 food voucher and a \$15 free bet voucher. Proceeds from this trip will be used for the various charities the Agawam Lioness Club supports. The public is invited. Early reservations are encouraged as seats are limited. For reservations, call Pat at 786-1782 or Rose at 786-5134.

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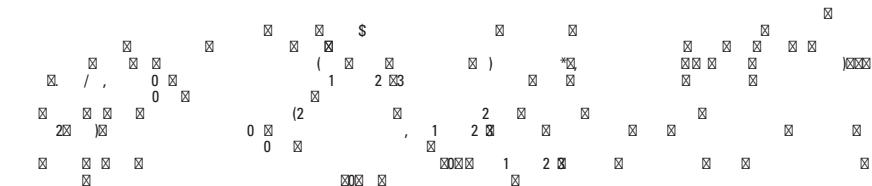
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Despite morning showers and the threat of thunderstorms, the annual Crankers Antique Car Club's charity car show went on as planned – but with only about a half-dozen cars on display.

Weather fails to dampen sentimental mood at Agawam car show

By Mike Lydick
Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM – The weather washed away hopes of a large turnout for the recent Crankers Antique Car Club's charity car show in Agawam, but it didn't keep away diehard auto enthusiasts like Pauline and Thomas Sawyer. They love antique car shows – even in the rain.

Wherever the Agawam couple travels, they look for car shows to visit. One recent Sunday morning, they only had to drive down the street to EB's Restaurant.

"We saw an article about it in the Agawam Advertiser News, so we decided to stop by," said Pauline Sawyer.

The show was "rain or shine," and there was plenty of rain but very little sunshine that morning.

That didn't deter the Sawyers, especially when they spied a 1971 Mercury Cougar parked among the more than half dozen cars at the July 27 show. The sky blue convertible reminded Sawyer of her own "classic" car – a red and white 1969 Mercury Cougar XR-7.

"When I saw it in the dealer showroom in Chicopee – candy apple red with a white top – I fell in love with it. I still own it. The car only has 59,000 miles. Unfortunately, the body is completely rusted," said Sawyer as she compared her Cougar to the '71 convertible.

She's kept the car for sentimental reasons. "It was my first new car," Sawyer said. "As much as I would like to restore it, we're just too old to do that. I hope someone will buy it and restore it."

The Sawyers were among a handful of spectators who braved occasional downpours to attend the show. The Agawam-based, non-profit CACC holds the show each year to raise money for a local cause.

This year's show had the potential of raising some much needed money to help the Community Grange of Feeding Hills build a handicap-accessible ramp at its hall on Northwest Street. Weather put a damper on the turnout, so only a few hundred dollars was raised.

Still, Pauline Sosnowich, secretary of the Grange, who was at the show, was thrilled with CACC's efforts. "Usually we have to earn all the funds ourselves. To have someone else help us is amazing," she said.

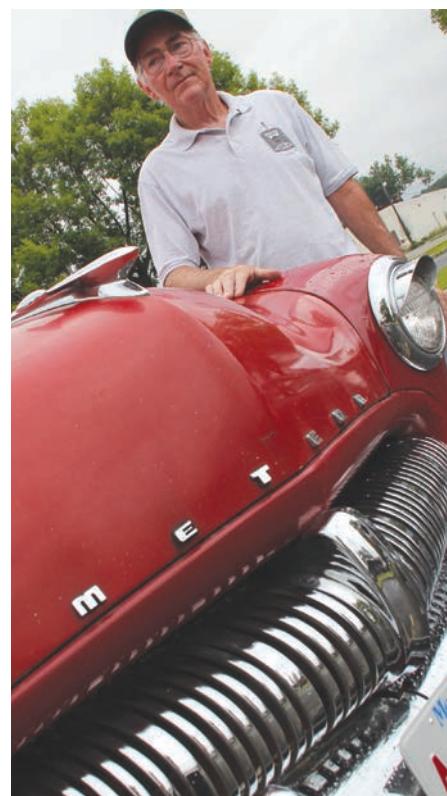
CACC President Tory De Prille, of Westfield, called the rain "unfortunate." He said with better weather, "we probably would have had a fantastic turnout to help the Grange."

The Grange's roots are in agriculture, but the nonprofit organization now focuses more on community service projects. Sosnowich added that the Grange hall – formerly a one-room schoolhouse built in the 1800s – needs numerous repairs, including a new oil tank, furnace and roof.

"Most of our members are women, so we can't do much of the work to fix the building," said Sosnowich. Grange fundraisers include an annual strawberry supper, tag sales and bazaars. She said a fundraising shredding event may be held later this month.

Agawam resident Carol Hager, a CACC member for 15 years, convinced the car club to help out the Grange after she heard about the Grange's needs.

"I thought our annual car show would be a great way to help raise money for the handicap ramp," added Hager. "With all the public events at the Grange, they need a ramp. We didn't raise much money this year, but every little bit helps."



East Longmeadow resident Don Keinath showed off his Canadian-built 1950 Ford sedan – known as a Meteor – at the recent charity car show sponsored by the Agawam-based Crankers Antique Car Club. He bought the car in 2000 from a Vermont resident who lived on the Canadian border.

CACC Vice President Don Keinath, of East Longmeadow, said collectors with expensive, restored cars won't take them out in the rain. "We planned this event and set the date six months ago, so even with the lousy weather the show had to go on," he said.

A club member for two decades and a past president, Keinath didn't hesitate to take his car out in the rain. "It sat outside in Canada for 50 years, so rain isn't a problem," he said.

His car is a red 1950 Ford Meteor sedan – a Canadian-built Ford – purchased in 2000 from a Vermont resident living on the Canadian border.

"I've liked these 'shoebox' design Fords ever since I was a kid," he recalled. Keinath searched for more than 40 years until finding a Ford built between 1949 and 1951.

"It's basically an American Ford with a Mercury grille," he added. "It looked good, but needed a new drivetrain. I swapped one from a donor car – a junked 1951 Ford – and have been driving it trouble-free ever since."

Like other CACC members – and most car collectors – Keinath believes it's important to preserve vintage vehicles like his Ford. Preservation was one of Richard "Dick" Chapman's goals when the Agawam resident founded the club in 1958.

Chapman, 86, is still active in the club. "Hot rod clubs were popular in the 1950s, but I didn't want another hot rod club," he recalled at the recent CACC show. "I wanted to start a family-oriented club to preserve old cars that could also help local causes in our community."

Chapman said he's "very proud" of the people who are carrying on his mission. "They work very hard to keep the club going – and I'm glad to see that," he said.



Richard "Dick" Chapman holds a replica of the original logo for the Crankers Antique Car Club that he founded in 1958. The Agawam resident is still active in the club.



Feeding Hills resident Bruce Jacobsen, right, and his friend Gordon Lawson, of Hatboro, Pa., check out a nicely preserved 1951 Pontiac sedan at the recent Crankers Antique Car Club's annual charity car show in the parking lot of EB's Restaurant.



Agawam residents Pauline and Thomas Sawyer can't resist stopping at car shows – even in the rain. The sky blue 1971 Mercury Cougar convertible they are looking at reminded Pauline of her first new car, a 1969 Mercury Cougar.

In the Classroom

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Cristina Tangredi, of Agawam, left, accepts a scholarship award from GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club Scholarship Chairperson Janine Iacolo. Tangredi is a 2014 graduate of Cathedral High School.

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Junior Women to hold bus riders program

The GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club will hold its 41st First Time Bus Riders Program featuring the Safety Bug, Wednesday, Aug. 13 at 3:30 p.m. Incoming kindergarten students will be shown proper and safe bus riding techniques and parents and caregivers will be given helpful tips about the first days of school.

The event will be held in the Community Room of the Agawam Public Library. Children will meet the Agawam Safety Officer and take a short ride on a school bus around the high school parking lot. All are welcome to register at www.agawamlibrary.org or by calling 789-1550.

For more information, call Christina Beauchemin at 427-8784.

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Campus Notes...

American International College: Cindy Brandon, Kevin Chevalier, William Cotrone, Samantha Fox, Daniel Kaptuyug, Elizabeth Klimczak and Kevin Truong, of Agawam; and Nicole Gonzalez, of Feeding Hills, were named to the spring semester dean's list.

Framingham State University: Alycia D. Rackcliffe, of Feeding Hills, was named to the spring semester dean's list.

University of Massachusetts Boston: David Franco, of Feeding Hills, graduated at ceremonies held May 30.

Western Governors University: Linda Albano, of Agawam, received her M.S. Nursing-Education degree in ceremonies held July 12.

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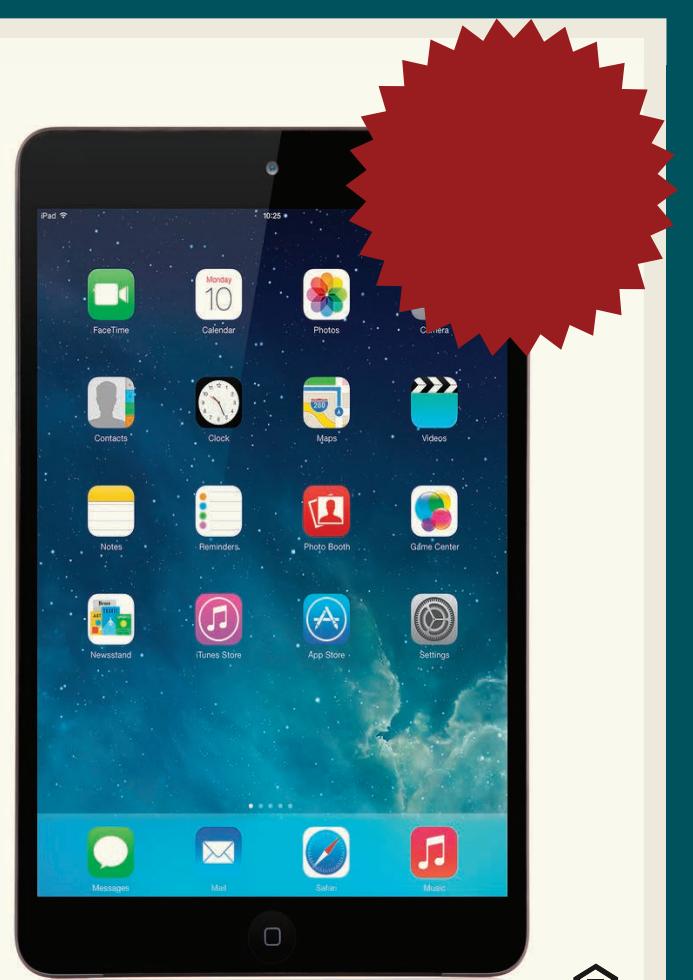
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SPORTS

Huskies reach finals at Casagrande

By Gregory A. Scibelli
*Turley Publications
Sports Correspondent*

LUDLOW – It came down to just one big inning as the Springfield Cardinals captured their third Lou Casagrande Baseball Tournament 8-10 Championship in the past four years when they defeated the Agawam Huskies 6-1 on Sunday afternoon at Whitney Field.

Springfield was able to get on the board in the top of the second when a double to left-center field allowed their first runner to come across the plate.

Agawam was able to hold things down until the fourth inning, when Springfield broke the game open with four more runs.

Springfield would lead off the inning with a double, a series of three ground balls, when that went for a hit, another a fielder choice, and a throwing error, would allow two more runs to come across the plate to make it 3-0 with just one out.

A huge double would then plate two more runs to make it 5-0. Aga-

wam was able to settle down and get two hitters in a row to end the inning.

Springfield would tack on another run with two hits, a double and a single, to make it 6-0 in the fifth inning.

Agawam would threaten with single runners in a few innings, but did not really break through the scoreboard until the bottom of the fifth inning.

Griffen Levesque would lead off the inning with Agawam's biggest hit of the day, a long triple that found the gap in right-center field. Levesque nearly was able to come all the way around and score, but Springfield outfielders were able to get to the ball before he could round third base.

After a ground out that stranded Levesque at third, Timmy Jodoin was able to lift a fly ball to the outfield deep enough for Levesque to tag up and score the first run of the game for the Huskies.

Aiden Levesque tried to keep the momentum going when he sent a ground single up the middle, but

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The Agawam Huskies finished as the runnerup in the Lou Casagrande Baseball Tournament 8-10 Championship.



The Agawam Gators reached the "Elite Eight" of a baseball tournament in Cooperstown, N.Y., which is home to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Gators take dream trip

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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AGAWAM – In Cooperstown, N.Y., baseball is all about tradition, from the manner in which the game is played, to the way you wear your pants and socks.

When more than 100 teams from all over the country came to play in a tournament last week, it was all about coming together united by one game.

The Agawam Gators learned that first hand when they participated in one of the summer Cooperstown tournaments and made it to the "Elite Eight" before finally being defeated. The Gators are the first Western Mass. team to be a part of that field.

Agawam went 6-0 in the first round of play and won a bye all the



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Mustangs rally to overtake Agawam

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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AGAWAM – The Agawam A Boys Summer Soccer team qualified for the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League playoffs as missing out on the tournament last year.

Despite having a very strong summer with an impressive 7-2-1 record, Agawam was upended in the tournament quarterfinals against Monson, losing in the opening round for the second time in three years.

Agawam was able to grab a goal, but Monson scored twice for the 2-1 victory last Monday evening at Agawam Middle School to

advance in the tournament. Monson would be defeated by eventual champion Belchertown in the semifinals. Belchertown won the A Division this year by beating Ludlow last Saturday at Lusitano Stadium 2-1 after penalty kicks.

This year's team was coached by Joe Sciartelli, father of Agawam High School player, Anthony Sciartelli.

The goal for the summer was to get repeated touches on the ball and start preparing for the upcoming high school season. Agawam struggled last summer with both numbers and scoring.

This year, scoring was still a bit of a struggle, but Agawam

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Lusitano Women bring home PVSSL crown

By Tim Peterson
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LUDLOW - Back in 2010, the Lusitano Women lost in the women's championship match of the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League.

Last Friday night, the third-seeded Lusitano Women, who are a Ludlow based soccer team, walked away with the championship trophy for the first time after posting a 3-0 shutout victory against the fourth-seeded Santos Stars, who are also from Ludlow, before a large crowd at historic Lusitano Stadium.

"We've come very close to winning the championship title during the past couple of years, but this is actually the first time that we've actually won it and it feels very exciting," said Lusitano Women team captain Suzanne Silva, who's entering her second season as an assistant women's soccer coach at UMass-Dartmouth. "We had a good mixture of players on this year's team, which was the key."

The Lusitano Women, who finished the summer league season with a 13-2 overall record, advanced into the finals by defeating the sixth-seeded Pioneer Valley United 2-1 in the quarterfinals

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BRATT PLAYS ROUND IN AGAWAM



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Anthony Roberto, manager of the Agawam Municipal Golf Course, (left) is pictured with his dog Stanley and Benjamin Bratt (right).

AGAWAM - It was an exciting day at the Agawam Golf Course as Benjamin Bratt paid a visit and played at the Municipal Golf Course on Thursday, July 31.

Benjamin Bratt (born Dec. 16, 1963) is an American actor. He is best known for his role as Rey Curtis on the legal/crime drama series "Law & Order" and his appearances in the movies "Miss Congenital", "Demolition Man", "Blood in Blood Out", "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs", "Traffic", "La Mission", "Despicable Me 2", and "Pifero and The Lesser Blessed."

He also recently became known for his role of Dr. Jake Riley on the medical drama series "Private Practice" as well as for his role as Steve Navarro on the series "24."

Lady Terriers take out Agawam

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM - Despite a phenomenal regular season where they went 8-2-1, the Agawam A Girls Summer Soccer team were left a bit shorthanded in the quarterfinals of the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League playoffs and were defeated by West Springfield 3-0 last Tuesday evening at Agawam Middle School.

Coach Bill Scherpa said the biggest strength for the Agawam team this summer has been defense. However, during the summer months, vacations and work schedules can cause havoc with a team's roster, and Scherpa said most of his starting defense was unavailable in the team's quarterfinal matchup.

"We had to move some of our offensive players to the defensive positions," said Scherpa. "We only had Lindsay Wassung in the back for us. These players put up a tremendous effort."

Agawam's makeshift defense was able to hold up for most of the first half. West Springfield, the eventual A Division champion, was only able to push across their three goals in the second half of the game.

"West Springfield had to force the ball through," said Scherpa. "They had a couple of impressive shots on goal and a great header."

Scherpa credited the West Springfield defense and their goalie for playing an excellent game.

"They (West Springfield) had an excellent defense and they were able to hold us off for most of the game," said Scherpa. "We controlled the possession for a lot of the game. They did not possess the ball a lot, but made the most of their opportunities. Their goalie also had an excellent game."

With an 8-2-1 record in the regular season, Scherpa, father of Agawam varsity player Jill Scherpa, is very optimistic the Brownies will have an excellent season this fall.

"The thing about this group of girls is that they like to play with one another and they talk on the field," said Scherpa. "They have an excellent defense and they have a few girls who have the ability to go out and score a lot of goals. I think they will be a big contender this fall."

Scherpa says Agawam's high school program is huge, and more than 20 players were on last year's varsity roster. There are more than 15 players returning to the varsity team this year, which gives Agawam a huge advantage over several teams in regards to experience and depth.

The Brownies will need to find ways to score goals against tough teams this season and will need their defense to play as well as they did during the summer. Agawam has been in the thick of the tournament the past four years. They were edged out in the first round last year against Longmeadow after a penalty kick shootout.



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The Lusitano Women took home the championship with a 3-0 shutout victory over the Santos All-Stars.

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and upsetting the second-seeded WM Storm 1-0 in a penalty shootout in the semifinals.

The members of the Lusitano Women team are Alexandra Baltazar, Jordan Bates, Julia Beech, Jamie Cyr, Stacey Da-Cruz, Danielle Dakin, Mary Franco, Taylor Hartman, Stefiny Knight, Tori Laires, Meghan Lapointe, Stevie Luisivin, Nora Mahoney, Alyssa Martins, Nicole Martins, Belha McNamara, Olivia Migilari, Taylor Robitalle, Allie Rooney, Mary Silva, Suzanne Silva, Molly Socha, Nina Vital and Sarah Wyszynski.

The Lusitano Women were coached by Manny Silva and John Franco.

At the conclusion of the championship match, Hartman, who's from Agawam, received the MVP trophy from League Commissioner William Kolodziey, who started the league 32 years ago.

"I couldn't have won the MVP award without help from all of my teammates. This award could've gone to any of the players on this team," said Hartman, who played college soccer at UMass Lowell. "We've been trying to win a championship during the past couple of years and it just feels very good to finally win one. We just played very well all season long."

The Santos Stars, who finished the season with an 8-4-1 overall record, needed to win a pair of overtime games in order to advance into the championship match. They defeated fifth-seeded Here for Beer 4-3 in overtime in the quarterfinals. They then knocked off top-seeded WM Extremes 3-2 in a penalty shootout in the semifinals. The WM Extremes had won the women's championship title four out of the past six years.

"It's a great accomplishment for us just making it to the championship game this year," said Santos Stars player/coach Matti Dorval, who wasn't able to play in the finals because of an injury. "We didn't have a regular starting goalkeeper, which made things a little bit difficult this year. We had to use players who never played the position before."

The members of the Santos Stars are Ashley Amaral, Colleen Bazinet, Veronica Bernardo, Victoria Bernardo, Kaitlyn Coelho, Megan Cole, Matti Dorval, Jocelyn Forcier, MacKenzie Foye, Natalie Gebo, Melissa Goncalves-Toledo, Gabby Leal, Lauren Marshal, Amanda Martins, Caly Masse, Britt McGregor, Kaylee Miller, Cayla Mole, Ali Pease, Kaycee Pereira, Jill Rainy, Elise Roberts, Karina Silva, Justine Trowbridge and Amanda Vigneault.

Please volunteered to be the Stars starting goalkeeper in the finals.

"Ali has only played a couple of games as a goalie this season," Dorval said. "I thought she did a very good job tonight."

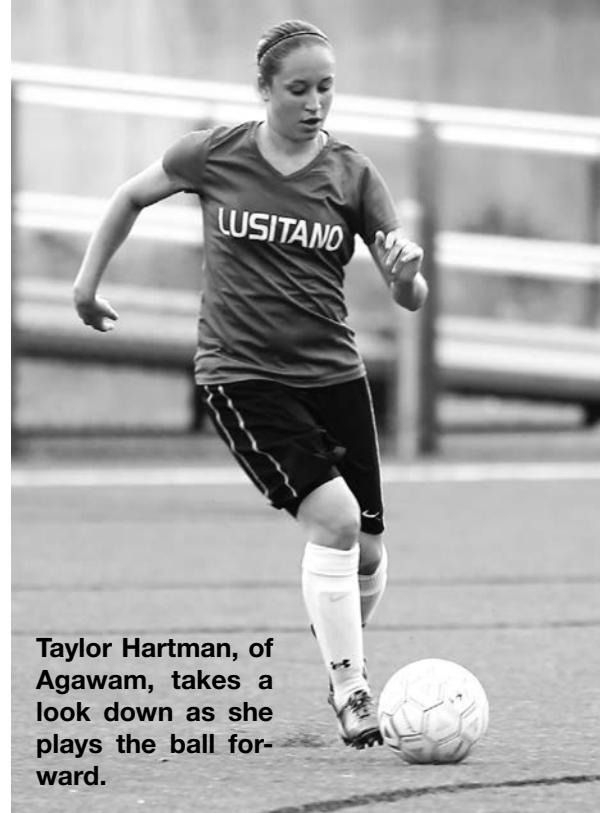
The Lusitano Women used two goalkeepers in the finals. Lapointe, who'll be a sophomore on the UMass-Lowell women's soccer team this fall, was the starter and Wyszynski played the second half.

The Lusitano Women took a 1-0 lead a little more than ten minutes into the opening half on a breakaway goal by Alexandra Baltazar, who lives in Ludlow and attends Wilbraham & Monson Academy, which was assisted by Mahoney.

Hartman scored a goal on a set shot at the end of the opening half, which was assisted by Vital, giving the Lusitano Women a 2-0 halftime lead.

The lone goal of the second half was scored by Bates on a breakaway shot during the 68th minute and it was assisted by Hartman.

The Lusitano Women coasted home from that point.



Taylor Hartman, of Agawam, takes a look down as she plays the ball forward.

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Justin Davis was retired to end the inning.

Springfield was able to load the bases in the top of the sixth inning, but Agawam worked out of the jam. Agawam was retired in order to end the game.

Coach Chris Davis said this was the first time he had entered the tournament, and says he would definitely like to bring his team back again.

"This is a really great tournament," he said. "We did very well. Unfortunately, it came down to a couple of errors and one big inning for Springfield."

In the tournament, Agawam defeated Westfield, 3-0, Southwick, 8-0, and Longmeadow, 14-5, during pool play. In the semifinals, Agawam beat Westfield again, 6-0. Agawam had the number one seed in the playoff part of the tournament.



Infielder Aiden Levesque (15) makes a throw across the diamond to first.



Third baseman Jose Acevedo (34) scooped up three ground balls in one inning and made the throw to first for the out on each.

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Infielder Timothy Jodoin (21) stays low as he fields a grounder.



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High school fall baseball signups announced

AGAWAM - Agawam Youth Baseball is currently having registrations for the Western Mass Fall Baseball League run out of East Longmeadow.

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The league will be working around fall sports.

The cost to play will be \$125 and Agawam will be entering a varsity and junior varsity team. All players that played AHS baseball last year and any Southwick player

that played Post 185 Legion senior or junior baseball is eligible.

AHS varsity coach Brian Rheault said, "I hope to see a good turnout for this program that has been created for the Agawam kids, its important to our program that kids stay in baseball shape and I look forward to seeing a good turnout."

To register please go to www.agawamyouthbaseball.com and click on the register tab. If you have any questions please email agawamsports@comcast.net

The deadline to register is Aug. 15.

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way to the final 32 teams in the tournament. Agawam won two games before losing in the quarterfinals against Rock Solid of North Carolina. There was a bit of hometown flavor to this matchup. Rock Solid was coached by former Boston Red Sox outfielder Trot Nixon, who was a member of the 2004 World Series champions that "broke the curse."

"It was really amazing," said Frank Montagna, one of the Agawam coaches. "Trot was great for all the kids. He had a couple of kids on his team that were amazing. He knows a lot about hitting. But he also took some time to talk with our kids and sign some baseballs for them."

Rock Solid was the first team to get to Agawam the entire tournament, winning 19-1.

Before that, Agawam played excellent baseball against teams from nearly every corner of the country. In their opening game, they defeated the Titans from Florida 6-4.

Against the Kansas Blaze, Agawam picked up a 9-0 victory with pitcher Zach Moccio throwing a no-hitter.

Agawam would wallop the Sherman Oaks Generals from California, 19-1, but ran into some trouble against Weber Baseball from Utah. But Justin Lingenberg solved that with a walk-off three-run homer in the seventh inning for a 4-2 win.

Agawam then defeated the Roxborough Rebels from Pennsylvania, 11-8, and concluded pool play with a 20-3 win over the Ho-Ho Kus Bombers.

In the Round of 32, Agawam's Dom Ledoux socked a grand slam in a game Agawam trailed 8-1 and won 17-13. Agawam would then make the Sweet 16 and defeated Northern Wells Impact 10-5.

Head coach Steve Moccio said the Agawam Gators were the first team in town history to have a perfect 6-0 record in pool play. Agawam was ranked fourth, and seeded fifth by tiebreaker rules.

Agawam also participated in a skills competition and was the first team to qualify for the finals in the "around the horn" throwing competition.

In addition to the excellent play, Montagna noted the time in Cooperstown is about love of the game and comradery among the players.

"We stayed in army-style barracks and these kids from different teams are able to meet each other and interact," said Montagna. "They exchange pins, sometimes go and take batting practice together, and watch each other play. It's a great experience for these kids."

The players on this year's Cooperstown team were: Bryan Carron, Eric Chmielewski, Micah Goodhind, Kyle Grabowski, Dominic Ledoux, Justin Lingenberg, Zachary Moccio, Connor Montagna, Kian O'Keefe, Kevin Paluck, Andy Pelc, and Nick Toma. Coaches were Steve Moccio, Pete Grabowski, Tom Lingenberg, and Frank Montagna.

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outworked nearly every team they played, building a 6-1 record after seven games. Agawam only lost their first game at the beginning of the regular season before going on a six game winning streak.

Agawam would scuffle a bit in the final three games of the season, going 1-1-1, but picked up the No. 4 seed with 15 points this season (seven wins at two points each and one tie for one point).

Agawam played very well in the quarterfinal matchup, but Monson, which has had great success in recent high school seasons, was just a little bit better.

For Agawam, which plays in Division I during the high school season, a successful

summer is very encouraging for a team that has struggled to score during the past two years and did not make the tournament last season.

"The team had lost a lot of kids last season and they had problems scoring," said Sciartelli. "We have had some good turnouts this summer with 15 or 16 kids per game."

Agawam will be returning scorers including Anthony Sciartelli, Brodie Keene, and Kris Page. With a year of experience under their belt, the hope is for more goals this season. Agawam will also be looking for a new goalkeeper this following the graduation of Nick Twohig. Agawam had two different goalkeepers playing with the A team during the summer.

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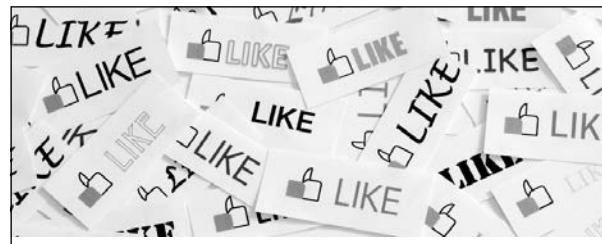
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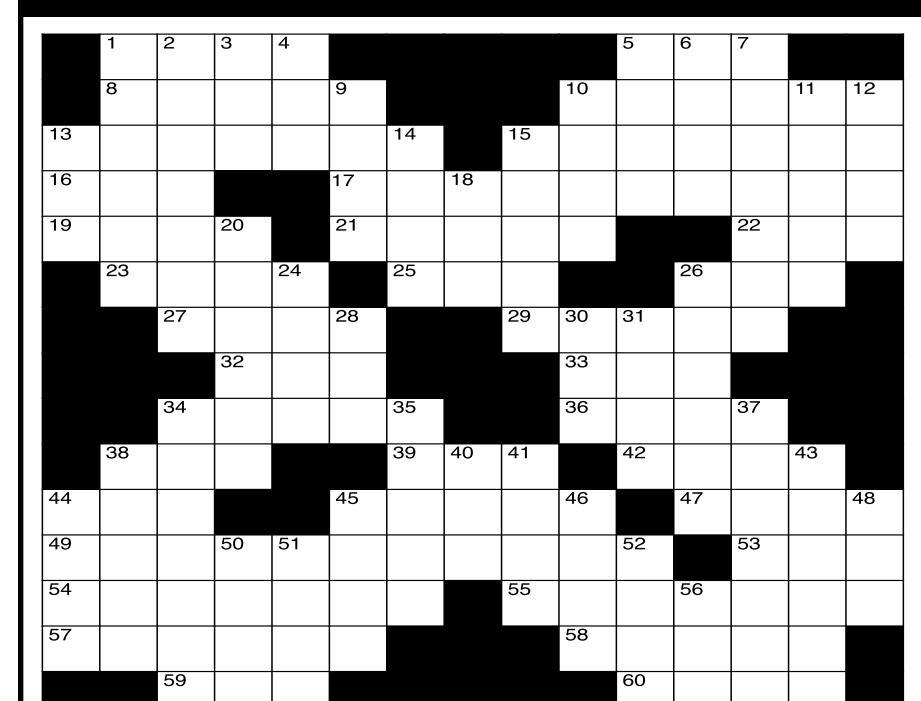
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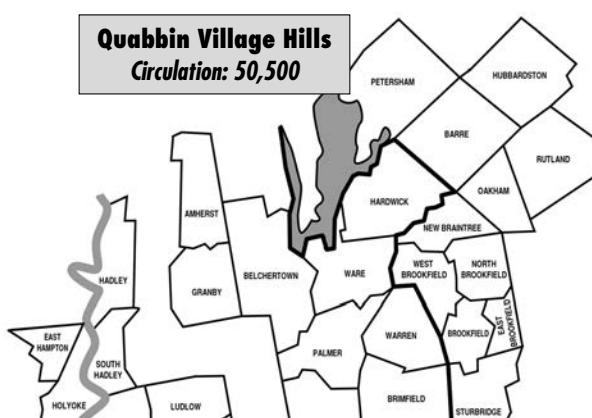
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Saturday, Aug. 9

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Sunday, Aug. 10

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THE HOLYOKE MERRY-GO-ROUND is open Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. The public is invited. For more information, call (413) 538-9838 or visit www.holyokemerrygoround.org.

Monday, Aug. 11

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Tuesday, Aug. 12

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THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER will host a free movie at 12:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

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THE HOLYOKE MERRY-GO-ROUND, located in Holyoke's Heritage State Park, once again offers "2 for Tuesdays" where two riders can ride for the price of one. For more information, call (413) 538-9838 or visit www.holyokemerrygoround.org.

Wednesday, Aug. 13

A BAZAAR AND CRAFT FAIR will be held at Heritage Woods Senior Living, 462 Main St., Agawam, from 3 to 7 p.m. Admission is free. Those in attendance will also be able to enjoy a free chair massage. For more information, call 789-8332 or email nicole.wallace@genesishcc.com.

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THE SPRINGFIELD TURNVEREIN, located at 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, offers Trivia Night every Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. The public is invited to come as one or as a team. Subjects include general knowledge, sports, history, music and more. Prizes awarded.

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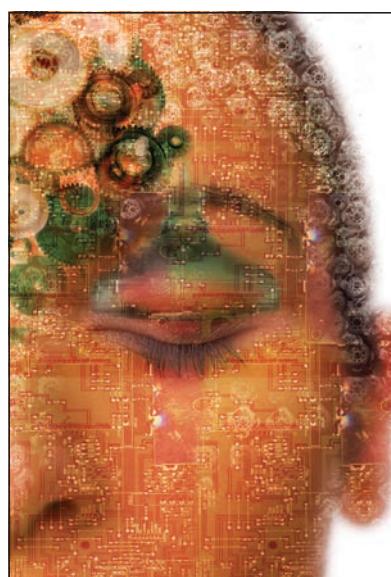
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Councilors seek workshop with golf course officials

By Gregory A. Scibelli

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AGAWAM — The Agawam City Council decided to take a different approach to getting answers to questions about the Agawam Municipal Golf Course operational budget shortfall.

On Monday night, the council voted 8-0 to table a resolution setting up an ad hoc sub-committee to investigate the course, and instead will hold a workshop to have their concerns addressed.

Several city councilors voiced their support for the golf course and wanting to see the business succeed. A few councilors echoed the opinions of speakers in the public comment portion of the meeting, saying the golf course received undue negative publicity when news of the sub-committee proposal was made public.

"Are there budgetary problems? Yes," said Councilor Robert Rossi, "but I believe the golf course is being treated unfairly. We have some budget spending questions, yes, but the golf course is in great shape. The new carts have been an asset. The Agawam Municipal Golf Course is a fine course. I think our questions can be answered in a different way."

Councilor James Cichetti agreed, saying he believes the course is being well-run, with the difficulties in revenue a result of the economy and weather during the past few years.

General Manager Tony Roberto told the council during public comment that revenue in July was 40 percent better than last summer. Mayor Richard Cohen, who also called the investigative sub-committee unnecessary, reported June 2014 revenues were \$30,000 more than June 2013.

Councilor Dennis Perry, a co-sponsor of the sub-committee proposal, says the intent of the investigation is to look into the enterprise fund, and is no way an attack on the

people who run the course.

"We want to see the golf course succeed," said Perry. "The idea of an enterprise fund is for it to fund itself. The golf course is not currently self-supporting. This is an information-finding committee."

Daniel Michael spoke during public comment. He told councilors the new golf carts purchased earlier this year and paving of the driveway have been a huge help, and praised the staff of the course.

"The staff is there working seven days a week," said Michael. "People are working tirelessly. There is no need for this sub-committee."

Council President Christopher Johnson, another co-sponsor of the proposal, says while the council supports the golf course, it doesn't get answers when it seeks information on the lack of revenue.

Perry says the town has had to use general fund money to support the golf course for the past few years, funding the council, as the legislative body, must approve.

"If we did not give the course the money for the carts and the money for the budget, where would it be?" Perry asked. "It is our fiscal responsibility to ask questions. The golf course is supposed to be self-supporting. It's not. And I voted in favor of the golf carts."

Cichetti recommended setting up a workshop with the entire city council and include the Golf Commission and golf course management. Councilors will be asking questions in advance of the workshop so course commissioners and management can be prepared with the information the council is seeking.

The idea led to a motion to table forming a sub-committee. If the council is able to gain the information they need through a workshop, the sub-committee proposal will be withdrawn.

No date was announced for the workshop.

Dintzner graduates from N.H. firefighting camp

Tabitha Dintzner, of Feeding Hills, attended and completed "Camp Fully Involved," a firefighting experience camp at the New Hampshire Fire Academy in Concord, N.H. Dintzner and 14 other women ages 14-20 graduated from the program at ceremonies held Friday, Aug. 1.

The CFI goal is to provide cadets with a comprehensive, intensive overview of the firefighting profession. It is a very physical, hands-on program that includes intense exercises allowing attendees to do things that they may never have done before nor do again. The young women gain a confidence and inner strength that comes through accomplishment and success, qualities that will serve them no matter what career path they choose.

Camp Fully Involved is the result of the efforts of Lt. Jess Wyman, of Nashua Fire and Rescue, who wanted to develop

an experience where young women could "try" firefighting as a potential future job. Wyman explained that the resident camp provides the young women who attend a "safe, dynamic, interactive and physically challenging environment to gain strength, develop knowledge of firefighting and build confidence and leadership skills."

The women are housed in a college-style dormitory that is part of the NH Fire Academy. Their activities over the week included familiarity with self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), Mayday (life-saving) drills, moving hose lines, vehicle extrication, house fires, rappelling, wildfire fighting, dumpster fires, multi-story building fires, engine company attack, ladder company ventilation and search. It is all "brought together" in an intense team operation held at the NH Fire Academy Training site.

ICC to host dinner to honor St. Anthony

SPRINGFIELD — The Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, Inc. (ICC) will host a dinner in honor of the Relic of St. Anthony of Padua, Saturday, Sept. 13, at 5:30 p.m. The relic will also be available for viewing. The event will be held at Cedars Banquet Hall, St. Anthony Maronite Catholic Church, 375 Island Pond Road, Springfield.

Only 600 tickets will be sold, so early purchase is recommended for this once-in-

a-lifetime experience. Seating is limited and tickets, which are \$35 per person, will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis and must be purchased in advance. Tables may be reserved for groups of 10 only. Deadline for purchase of tickets is Aug. 29.

To purchase tickets, checks made payable to the Italian Cultural Center (ICC) may be mailed to Nancy Piela, Attn. St. Anthony Dinner, 21 Rimmon Ave., Springfield, MA 01107.

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